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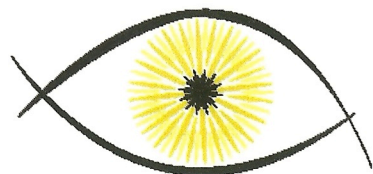
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# CORALWATCH

## CORAL HEALTH CHART



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## How To Use the Coral Health Chart

1. **Be an AWARE diver.** Be sure to secure equipment, be properly weighted and move slowly through the water in a neutrally buoyant state. Dive carefully to avoid any reef contact as reefs are extremely fragile to even the slightest touch.
2. **Select a coral.** The chart may be used with branching, boulder, plate or soft coral. It may not be used with blue/purple corals or fire coral as these do not vary during bleaching events.

**Survey methods include** (depending on experience and location):

- a. **Random Survey** - select corals randomly, such as every second fin kick.
- b. **Quadrant or Transect Survey** - select your corals by marking a square area or following a transect line. Make sure your markings have no affect on marine life in the area. Then assess corals within the quadrant or along the transect line.
- c. **Easily Identified Corals** - select corals that are easy to identify and return to on each dive.

3. **Look down at the coral and select the overall lightest area, avoiding the tips of branching corals.** Due to colour loss at depth, use a torch/flashlight at depths below 5 metres/15 feet. For some corals it will be difficult to match the colour exactly. Simply pick the closest colour, paying particular attention to brightness.
4. **Hold the Chart next to the lightest area and rotate the Chart until you find the closest colour match.**
5. **Record the matching colour code and coral type on the data sheet.**
6. **Repeat steps 2 to 5 for the overall darkest area of the coral.**
7. **Submit your data at [www.projectaware.org](http://www.projectaware.org) or [www.coralwatch.org](http://www.coralwatch.org).**

### Coral types



Br = Branching



Bo = Boulder



Pl = Plate



So = Soft

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